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Status								
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on	_•							
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the ments is								
closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4	53 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims								
4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.								
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.								
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-15</u> is/are rejected.	☑ Claim(s) <u>1-15</u> is/are rejected.							
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.								
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	r election requirement.							
Application Papers								
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.							
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>12/8/03</u> is/are: a)□ accepted or b)⊠ objected to by the Examiner.								
Applicant may not request that any objection to the	drawing(s) be held in abeyance. Se	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
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11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PT	O-152.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119								
12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign	priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).						
a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of:								
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary							
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)	Paper No(s)/Mail D 5) Notice of Informal F)-152)					
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information referred to in Applicant's information disclosure statement of

December 8, 2003 has been considered.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which

papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

Figures 10 and 11 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--

because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected

drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action

to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled

"Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.121(d)) so as not to obstruct

any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the

applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office

action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In line 2 of claim 1, it is unclear if Applicant intends to positively claim the housing as a first type "or" a stationary type. Similarly note claims 10 and 13. In line 3 of claim 1, it is unclear if Applicant intends to positively claim the housing as a second type "or" a rotational type. The remaining claims are indefinite since each is dependent from an indefinite claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-9, 11-12 and 14-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 10 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. A seat reclining assembly is shown by each of Hohihara et al. (2004/0036337), Cilliere et al (6669297), Kojima et al (6092874), Reubeuze et al (6554361), and Hoshihara et al (6715835).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is

7033082117. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 5:30-3:00.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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